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Dear Mac:

Although almost noone should give advice when he is departing the scene of activity for a few days off in the sun, nevertheless I am compelled to urge deliberation in the matter we discussed yesterday and which will be discussed today.

I appreciate the force of the argument advanced by Ambassador Stevenson and John McCloy; however, I believe we should be very careful with respect to the terms of any "non-invasion" pledge, and under no circumstances make it without qualification concerning inspection and verification.

I know from our reports that the Latin American countries are deeply concerned over the possibility of our providing Castro with a sanctuary for the continuation of his subversive activities against many Central and South American governments.

Also, I feel that the American public are equally concerned, and only last night Ambassador Alphand expressed a most forceful hope that we would not give our pledge except under satisfactory terms for verification. This may be his personal view, but on the other hand quite possibly represents the thinking of our allies.

My office will be in instant communication should you wish to reach me.

Best regards,

Honorable McGeorge Bundy
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Washington, D. C.